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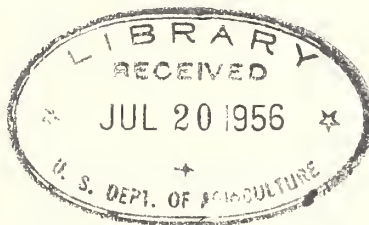
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STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES DATE INDUSTRY

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Table I

Acreage of California Dates, By Years 1936-1954  
and By Counties, 1953

Year	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
	1	2	3
	- - - acres - - -		
1936	1,814	1,774	3,588
1937	2,202	1,046	3,248
1938	2,513	766	3,279
1939	2,896	469	3,365
1940	3,055	325	3,380
1941	2,965	329	3,294
1942	2,928	344	3,272
1943	2,981	294	3,275
1944	3,227	448	3,675
1945	3,268	1,078	4,346
1946	3,439	1,417	4,856
1947	3,594	1,472	5,066
1948	3,682	1,445	5,127
1949	3,922	1,125	5,047
1950	4,140	974	5,114
1951	4,328	832	5,160
1952	4,656	436	5,092
1953	4,915	171	5,086
1954			5,000/1

1953 By Counties

Inyo	35	-	35
Imperial	196	-	196
Riverside	4,641	171	4,812
San Bernardino	8	-	8
San Diego .	35	-	35

/1. Estimate.

Source of data: California Crop and Livestock Reporting  
Service, "Acreage Estimates California  
Fruit and Nut Crops" Annual.



Table II

Approximate Supply and Consumption of California Dates  
1935-1954

Crop Year : (Aug.-Sept.)	D o m e s t i c										Approximate Total Supply
	Estimated :	Exports :	Production :	: Total for : Diversion, :						Imports :	
				Beginning Stocks/1 :	2 :	3 :	4 :	5 :	6 :		
1935	<u>/2</u>		3,250	<u>/2</u>		-	3,250	-	3,250	27,233	30,483
1936	<u>/2</u>		3,970	<u>/2</u>		616	3,970	-	3,354	29,325	32,679
1937	<u>/2</u>		3,630	<u>/2</u>		766	3,630	-	2,864	25,706	28,570
1938	<u>/2</u>		3,530	<u>/2</u>		875	3,530	-	2,655	23,241	25,896
1939	<u>/2</u>		2,600	<u>/2</u>		822	2,600	-	1,778	22,504	24,282
1940	<u>/2</u>		6,200	<u>/2</u>		1,375	6,200	-	4,825	22,284	27,109
1941	<u>/2</u>		5,790	<u>/2</u>		808	5,790	-	4,982	8,623	13,605
1942	<u>2,500</u>		7,740	<u>/2</u>		1,200	10,240	-	9,040	1,609	10,649
1943	300		10,770	<u>45</u>		1,600	11,025	25	9,400	324	9,724
1944	100		13,190	44		2,000	13,246	282	10,964	11,987	22,951
1945	200		6,800	167		1,000	6,833	-	5,833	19,724	25,557
1946	<u>/2</u>		16,720	2,231		2,500	14,489	-	11,989	22,039	34,028
1947	<u>/2</u>		10,180	<u>137/3</u>		1,500	10,043	751	7,792	10,433	18,255
1948	<u>1,300</u>		16,240	681		1,714	16,859	-	15,145	16,800	31,945
1949	<u>4,100</u>		14,100	460		1,857	17,740	-	15,883	14,933	30,816
1950	<u>2,000</u>		15,060	547		2,126	16,513	-	14,387	25,088	39,475
1951	<u>2,400</u>		18,840	488		3,675	20,752	-	17,077	20,819	37,896
1952	<u>3,600</u>		14,200	782		2,100	17,018	-	14,918	19,201	34,119
1953	<u>1,000</u>		15,500	575		2,300	15,925	-	13,625	20,580	34,205
1954/4	<u>4,000</u>		13,500			2,000		-			

1. Facker stocks.

2. Not available.

3. Excluding Government purchases.

4. Preliminary.

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Table II

Approximate Supply and Consumption of California Dates  
1935-1954  
(Continued)

Source of data:	Col. 1:	Unofficial estimates from industry sources.
	Col. 2:	Crop Reporting Board, "Fruits (Non-Citrus) Production, Farm Disposition, Value, and Utilization of Sales".
	Cols. 3 and 8:	Foreign Agricultural Service, official records.
	Col. 4:	Col. 1 plus Col. 2, minus Col. 3.
	Col. 5:	1935-1941, U. S. D. A. diversion programs; 1942-1947 and 1952-1954, Computed, using 15 percent of production; 1948-1951, California Date Advisory Board.
	Col. 6:	Fruit and Vegetable Division, official records.
	Col. 7:	Col. 4 minus cols. 6 and 7.
	Col. 9:	Col. 7 plus Col. 8.



Table III

U. S. Imports of Dates, by Form, by Months  
1949-1954

Year : Beginning	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
-- short tons --													
1949	1	1	1	359	360	4	1	*	1	2	1	1	731
1950	1	1	*	370	3	5	3	1	1	1	0	0	586
1951	*	0	10	108	12	*	0	0	0	2	*	0	132
1952	*	0	131	1,404	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	185	1,753
1953	0	30	15	3,011	34	0	0	41	0	0	44	0	3,175
1954	208	440	187	4,626	679								
DATES WITH PITS REMOVED													
1949	353	405	356	4,396	6,945	91	58	198	448	421	390	8	14,069
1950	611	1	10	13,062	5,942	3,697	207	27	26	40	154	69	23,946
1951	275	589	421	6,817	10,850	404	11	19	85	99	422	164	20,156
1952	710	641	5,267	8,462	544	164	55	109	433	58	28	136	16,607
1953	437	508	404	12,539	951	427	89	135	156	278	205	691	16,820
1954	232	111	193	8,256	4,353								
DATES PROCESSED OR PREPARED /1													
1949	*	*	1	1	*	1	2	1	26	3	13	2	50
1950	147	281	85	8	1	10	3	15	5	1	90	110	756
1951	25	20	151	44	82	0	76	26	60	13	21	13	531
1952	118	44	100	121	74	60	120	19	66	43	7	67	832
1953	84	31	43	169	5	44	0	138	12	5	38	16	585
1954	53	12	0	141	135								

\* Less than .5 ton

/1. Includes small quantities of jujubes (Chinese dates) in some years.

Source of data: U. S. D. A., Foreign Agricultural Service, official records.



Table IV

Season Average Returns to Producers and Parity  
1935-1954

Year Beginning Sept. 1	Season Average Return	Effective Parity	Return as Percent of: Eff. Parity	New Formula Parity
	1	2	3	4
	- <u>dol. per ton</u> -		<u>percent</u>	<u>dol. per ton</u>
1935	80	245	33	
1936	110	263	42	
1937	120	251	48	
1938	125	238	53	
1939	126	245	51	
1940	117	251	47	
1941	150	294	51	
1942	262	325	81	
1943	466	347	134	
1944	492	356	138	
1945	398	381	104	
1946	185	464	40	
1947	81	523	15	
1948	110	517	21	
1949	158	493	32	301
1950	184	514	36	312
1951	105	502	21	297
1952	106	469	23	257
1953	149	439	34	216
1954	100/1	420/2	24/2	170/2

/1. Preliminary.

/2. Six-month average, September-February.

Source of data: U.S.D.A., A.M.S.

Col. 1 : Crop Reporting Board

1935-42, "Fruit and Nut Prices", Revised, Oct. 1947

1943-54, "Agricultural Prices"

Col. 2 : 1935-1948, Base Period Price (\$309.60) multiplied by 12-month (September-August) Average of "Index of Prices Paid by Farmers".  
(August 1924-July 1929 = 100).

1949-1953, 12-month (September-August) Average of Published Monthly Parity Prices.

1954, 6-month (September-February) Average of Published Monthly Parity Prices.

Col. 3 : Col. 1 as a Percent of Col. 2.

Col. 4 : Calculated by New Formula, Using "Index of Prices Paid by Farmers" as First Published.

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Table V

U. S. Consumer Purchases of Dates and Average Prices Paid  
October 1950 to September 1952

Period	Consumer Purchases		Average Price Paid	
	Domestic	Imported	Domestic	Imported
	1	2	3	4
	-- <u>tons</u> --		-- <u>cents per pound</u> --	
<u>1950-51</u>				
October	729	596	35.0	48.2
November	1,073	1,178	34.0	47.0
December	2,371	2,029	32.0	46.6
January	815	562	31.7	46.6
February	824	537	32.8	43.6
March	625	410	30.3	46.4
April	725	315	30.0	47.7
May	428	284	31.7	45.0
June	413	240	29.7	45.5
July	226	209	32.7	41.9
August	133	237	35.2	48.7
September	263	441	33.6	48.2
Total/1	12,969	8,132	Wtd. Av. 32.3	46.5
<u>1951-52</u>				
October	768	761	33.7	45.2
November	1,906	1,254	29.6	46.2
December	3,041	2,069	30.6	45.7
January	939	559	29.3	46.0
February	1,086	555	28.9	43.3
March	1,407	446	27.3	44.3
April	1,072	362	27.9	45.2
May	814	288	28.5	46.1
June	408	216	26.2	48.0
July	238	271	27.9	46.7
August	149	216	31.6	47.6
September	201	479	29.8	46.1
Total/1	12,969	8,132	Wtd. Av. 29.4	45.7

/1. The data on household purchases are based on 4-week periods (28 days) during each month in order to permit comparisons between periods of equal length. The season totals shown are based on complete calendar periods. Therefore, the equivalent of an additional month is included in the purchase totals for each season.

Source of data: National Consumer Panel of the Market Research Corporation of America.

